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FOOD FOR THOUGHT LUNCHTIME LECTURE AT THE ARCHIVES ON THURSDAY, JUNE 16 AT 12:00 PM
THE INVISIBLE HISTORIES PROJECT
PRESENTED BY JOSHUA BURFORD

Montgomery, AL (06/09/2022) – The Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) will continue its 2022 *Food for Thought* lunchtime lecture series on **Thursday, June 16, at 12:00 PM**. Joshua Burford will present ***The Invisible Histories Project***. The program will be held **in person** at the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) in Montgomery. **Admission is FREE**. It will also be **livestreamed** through the ADAH's [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#).

Co-founded in 2015 by Joshua Burford and Maigen Sullivan, the Invisible Histories Project (iHP) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to locate, preserve, research, and make accessible materials that document the rich and diverse history of LGBTQ life in the South. Currently working in Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida, iHP serves as an intermediary between the queer community and universities, museums, archives, and libraries to preserve collections that document the lives of LGBTQ southerners. The ADAH is one of three iHP repository partners in Alabama and has acquired several donations to its permanent collections through the collaboration. During his presentation, Burford will share some of the materials collected in Alabama and how the work of iHP is helping the public gain a deeper understanding of the experiences of LGBTQ Alabamians.

A native of Anniston, Burford is an award-winning historian, archivist, and educator with over twenty years of experience in creating stronger communities for queer and transgender people across the U.S. He is a nationally recognized educator and trainer who has worked with K-12 schools, colleges and universities, corporations, and non-profits to examine the ways in which each can be more inclusive of diverse identities, engage in self-evaluation about best practices, and create pathways for increased retention of minority individuals. Burford holds bachelor's degrees in English and history from University of Alabama and master's degrees in American studies and library and information studies. A historian and archivist by training, Burford currently serves as iHP's director of outreach and lead archivist.

For additional information, call (334) 353-4689. A complete schedule of our 2022 lunchtime lecture series is available at [archives.alabama.gov](#). *Food for Thought* 2022 is made possible with support in memory of Mike Jenkins IV.

The Alabama Department of Archives and History is the state's government-records repository, a special-collections library and research facility, and home to the Museum of Alabama, the state history museum. It is located in downtown Montgomery, directly across Washington Avenue from the State Capitol. The Museum of Alabama is open Monday through Saturday from 8:30 to 4:30. The EBSCO Research Room is open Tuesday through Saturday from 8:30 to 4:30. To learn more, visit [www.archives.alabama.gov](#) or call (334) 242-4364.

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